

# Murray Darling Association Inc.

Ordinary Meeting of Region 6

20 August 2021

10:00 – 15:00

Coorong District Council

Council Chambers

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## **BRIEFING PAPER – August 2021**

### 1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

### 2. ATTENDANCE

#### 2.1. RSVP

Mayor Brenton Lewis	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Stephen Packer	Rural City of Murray Bridge
CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District Council
Cr Marilyn Henderson	City of Victor Harbor

#### 2.2. GUESTS

Nathan Bicknell	EO MDA Region 6
Deana Mildren	MDBA
Ken Scott	MDBA

#### 2.3. APOLOGIES

Cr. Melissa Rebbeck (Chair)	Alexandrina
Glenn Rappensberg	Alexandrina

#### 2.4. DECLARATIONS

### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Recommendation:** that the minutes of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Region 6 - [Ordinary Meeting held 11 June 2021](#) be approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

### 4. REPORTS

- 4.1 Chair
- 4.2 MDA CEO
- 4.3 Member's Updates (written and verbal)
- 4.4 MURRAY DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY – Update -Deana Mildren

Question and Answer

**Recommendation:** that the members receive the reports and updates.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE OUT  
Nil

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN

The notable correspondence out is summarised in table 1.

**Table 1.** Summary of Correspondence out.

Item	Recipient	Topic
5.1.1	<a href="#">Mr. Frank Tuckwell</a>	Resignation

**Recommendation:** that the members note the correspondence.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

Members to review actions arising and actions completed as receded in action [MDA-R6 matters in progress from the previous Ordinary meetings.](#)

**Table 2.** Summary of notable actions and updates.

		Action	Updates
4.3 MDA CEO Report	ACTION	the EO to enquire about the consultation process regarding any Boundary Realignment and discussion paper.	Agenda item (6.3) at the last MDA Board meeting – 22 June 2021. Motion carried: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The CEO has been asked to produce a briefing/discussion paper to be circulated to the Board to inform further strategic planning on this issue.</li> <li>This briefing/discussion paper will form the basis of the paper to be provided to Government to make the case for recurrent funding.</li> <li>That the matter will be discussed in more detail at the 2021 strategic Planning Workshop.</li> </ul>
4.3 MDA CEO Report	MOTION	that Region 6 highlight concerns about the apparent loss of membership and urges the MDA Board to address the issue.	Region 6 has tabled this motion with the MDA for the August Board Meeting.
8.	ACTION	the EO to provide member councils with a meeting summary with the Minutes and BCLP Flyer.	The updated <a href="#">BCLP Flyer and Broacher</a> for the Lower Lakes Leadership Program (24 and 25 October) have been distributes to members.

**Recommendation:** that the members note the updates.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 GUEST SPEAKER - Ken Scott - Assistant Director, Groundwater Management, SDL Accounting Program MDBA.

Question and Answer

Noon: Lunch

## 8. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & WORK PLAN

In November 2020, the Executive recommended carrying over the [Strategic Directions and Work Plan \(2020\)](#) into 2021, to be updated on an as needs basis and reviewed following the outcomes of the Annual Stakeholder Symposium (the Symposium).

### 8.1 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Recommendation:** At the last meeting of the Executive it was proposed to move the “Interregional Meeting” to prior to the next Ordinary Meeting - 12 November 2021.

**Recommendation:** that the Members note the update and provide feedback/suggestions.

### 8.2 SYMPOSIUM WORKING GROUP UPDATE

To support delivery of the Symposium a Working Group meets monthly via WebEx, and when applicable, it is combined with a meeting of the Executive.

[Symposium Working Group Update – August 2021](#)

**Recommendation:** that the Members note the update and provide feedback/suggestions.

## 9. NEXT MEETING

Ordinary/Inter-regional meeting - 12 November 2021 – Rural City of Murray Bridge

### 9.1 Agenda Items

Potential agenda items for consideration are summarised in the following table (5).

**Table 3.** Current agenda topics for consideration (bold denotes new)

Topic	Notes
Members Items	call to members
Symposium Working group update.	Report
Topical Issues	Menindee Lakes Floodplain Harvesting Regulations (NSW) Disallowance Basin Plan 2.0 Coorong Infrastructure Investigation Projects (DEW) End of System Flows National Carp Control Plan Outcomes of the Symposium Water Position Paper (MRLGA)

### 9.2 Guest Speakers

The current list of Region 6 priority topics is detailed in the following table (6).

**Table 4.** Current list of suggested guest speakers 2021

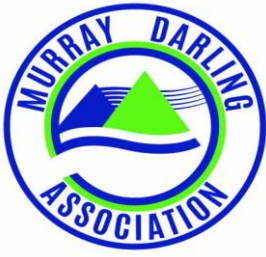
Topics	Speaker
National Carp Control Plan	State Lead - PIRSA/SARDI
Delivering successful water management	Ben Fee (RDA Riverland)
Climate Change	Murray Darling Basin Authority
Hydrology of CLLMM	Steve Barnett, Senior Hydrogeologist – SA DEW
Salinity Management	MDBA/SA DEW/SA Water
Alternative Urban Water Sources	Goyder Institute
Water recovery/efficiency upgrades	Local irrigator who has participated
Use of the Adelaide Desalination Plant.	TBD
Integrated water management	TBD
Livestock Water Security	TBD
Lake & Coorong Fishery	Gary Herra-Singh

**Recommendation:** that Members to provide recommendations for agenda items and speakers.

**10. CLOSE**

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks the Coorong District Council for its support in hosting this Ordinary meeting and video conference of Region 6.*





# Murray Darling Association Inc.

Ordinary Meeting of Region 6  
11 June 2021  
10:00 – 14:21

Alexandrina Council  
Large Meeting Room  
11 Cadell Street, Goolwa 5214  
or  
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Meeting number 1652 25 2914

## MEETING MINUTES – 11 June 2021

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### 1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Cr. Melissa Rebbeck

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### 2. ATTENDANCE

Cr Melissa Rebbeck (Chair)	Alexandrina
Glenn Rappensberg	Alexandrina
Cr. Michael Scott ASM OAM	Alexandrina
Bridget Mather (virtual)	Coorong Regional Council (CDC)
Cr Marilyn Henderson	City of Victor Harbor (CVH)
Stephen Packer	Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB)
Frank Tuckwell	Individual Member

### 2.1. GUESTS

Nathan Bicknell	EO MDA Region 6
Michael Colagrossi	Department of Environment and Water (DEW)
Ken Scott	MDBA

### 2.2. APOLOGIES

Mayor Brenton Lewis	Rural City of Murray Bridge
GM Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge
Cr. Vern Leng	Coorong Regional Council (CDC)
Cr. Brenton Qualmann	Coorong Regional Council (CDC)
Warren Jacobs	Individual Member
CEO Emma Bradbury	MDA Inc.
Deana Mildren	MDBA

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### 2.3. DECLARATIONS

Nil

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### 3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Motion:** that the minutes of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Region 6 - Ordinary Meeting held 5 February 2021 be approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1 Chair's Report - Cr Rebbeck (Alexandrina)

The Chair spoke to the report as tabled ([attachment 1](#)).

**Discussion:** the Chair congratulated the MDA and Wentworth Shire Council on an excellent national conference (2021) and AGM. Highlights, including; CSIRO, MILDREN, Renmark Irrigation Trust, and the One Basin CRC Bid. Our motions were well received at the AGM and will ensure the region's objectives are well represented by the MDA moving forward.

The Chair also spoke highly of the recent Karnangk (Coorong) tour with local Ngarrindjeri elders and the Coorong Lower Lakes Murray Mouth, Community Advisory Panel (CLLMM CAP) members. The connection to country and knowledge was a profound combination. Visiting Parnka Point, junction, highlighted the plight of the Southern lagoon and should be considered for future field trips.

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### 4.2 Member's Updates (verbal)

#### 4.2.1 Bridget Mather (Coorong District Council)

- Reaffirmed the Chair's comments about the National Conference and AGM; and
- Noted the collegiate nature of the event and proceedings of the AGM.

#### 4.2.2 Cr. Michael Scott ASM OAM (Alexandrina)

- Presentations by CSIRO highlighted a Climate future, rainfall and inflows looks pretty grim; and
- The Study Tour's commentary about the drought and fish-kills highlighted the fragility of the system and the need to take a Basin-wide approach; and
- Reiterated Bridget's comments about the collegiate nature of the event in comparison to previous years.

#### 4.2.3 Stephen Packer (Rural City of Murray Bridge)

- The MDA National Conference was good all-round, the Fieldtrip to Menindee and most speakers were excellent;
- However, the Hon Susan Ley MP (Commonwealth Environment Minister) and the Hon Melinda-Jane Pavey MP (NSW Water Minister) were particularly disappointing; and
- Did not instil much confidence in delivering on the targets or timeframes of the Basin Plan.

#### 4.2.4 CEO Glen Rappensberg (Alexandrina)

- Council is progressing its Carbon Natural Plan;
- Noting that Councils Corporate Carbon Footprint accounted for 1% of the Council region; and
- Climate adaption strategies in relation to our coastline and Coorong with the spectre of rising sea levels.

#### 4.2.5 Cr Marilyn Henderson (The City of Victor Harbor) Nil

#### 4.2.6 Mr. Frank Tuckwell (Individual member)

- With COVID restrictions easing, people are travelling again; and
- Involved in the Inland Rivers National Marathon Team, which helps to coordinate people wanting to travel Basin Rivers.

#### 4.2.7 Nathan Bicknell (Region 6 EO)

- Attended the MDA (Wentworth) and MDBA (Griffith) conferences in consecutive months;
- Highlights of the MDBA Conference included:

- Prof. Rob Howden Director, ANU Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions – Climate Change;
- Rene Woods, MDBA Board Member - First Nations Water Management; and
- Visiting the Southern Cotton Gin and Dinner at the Malt House for the Conference dinner.

#### 4.3 MDA CEO Report - Emma Bradbury

The Chair acknowledged that Emma was an apology (Annual leave). The April CEO report ([attachment 2](#)) was taken as read. The Basin Community Leadership Flyer for SA ([attachment 3](#)) was also tabled for noting.

#### Discussion:

- The upcoming Basin Leadership Program dates in SA and the region (July TBC);
- Members raised concern about apparent discontent in the ranks, the recent loss of Regions 8 Member Councils (and Chair), Board members and staff; and
- Members also raised concern about the MDA pursuing potentially controversial matters.

**Action:** the EO to enquire about the consultation process regarding any Boundary Realignment and discussion paper.

**Motion:** that Region 6 highlight concerns about the apparent loss of membership and urges the MDA Board to address the issue.

Cr. Michael Scott/Cr Henderson/Carried

11:00 The MDBA report was postponed and brought **General Business** forward.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 GUEST SPEAKER - Michael Colagrossi - Constraints Team Leader (DEW) ([attachment 4](#)).

Since the release of the MDBA's constraints management strategy, basin governments have undertaken pre-feasibility studies and produced business cases outlining the works and costs that will ease system constraints. This work includes exploring measures that would facilitate environmental flows, improve infrastructure, erosion control works and easement negotiation. Addressing these constraints will provide additional benefits for landowners during periods of higher flow.

#### Discussion:

- That constraints projects across the Basin were critical to increased environmental (overbank) flows as part of the Basin Plan Targets;
- DEW has been focused upon mapping river highs at up to 80,000G/d (below the 2016 Flood 95,000G/d) and related; government assets, landholders, and community constraints;
- The majority of which are upstream of Region 6, by the time high-flows get to the region, their effects are limited by the topography and managed via barrage releases; and
- Members noted that high lake levels can affect access between Milang and Langhorne Creek.

**Noon:** Lunch - CEO Bridget Mather departed the meeting.

Return to item **4. REPORTS**

4.4 Murray Darling Basin Authority - Ken Scott (Assistant Director, Groundwater Management SDL Accounting Program).

Ken thanked the members for the opportunity to engage with them face-to-face again (in Deana's absence) and spoke to the MDBA presentation as tabled ([attachment 5](#)).

**Discussion:**

- Community Science Forums (July 15) Region 6 members have expressed interest;
- Stowage levels improving across the Basin and outlook for 2021/22;
- Webinars (Northern Basin is next);
- First Nations ground water training Day (drill-core library); and
- Happy to provide a groundwater overview to the members at a subsequent meeting.

**Motion:** that the members receive the reports.

Cr. Melissa Rebbeck/Cr Marilyn Henderson/Carried

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**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 CORRESPONDENCE OUT

The notable correspondence out is summarised in table 1.

**Table 1.** Summary of Correspondence out.

Item	Recipient	Topic
5.1.1	The Hon Minister Speirs	Symposium Invitation
5.1.2	Chair MDBA	Symposium Invitation
5.1.3	Vickie Woodburn (MDBA)	Symposium Invitation
5.1.4	Adrian Pederick MP	Symposium Invitation
5.1.5	The Hon David Basham MP	Symposium Invitation
5.1.6	Rebekha Sharkie MP	Symposium Invitation
5.1.7	Tony Pasin MP	Symposium Invitation

**Discussion:** it was noted that due to a clash with the sitting of the SA parliament, the Minister's Office has been re-contacted regarding virtual attendance or alternate dates. Each of the invitation letters utilised the same template/wording as developed with the MDA.

5.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN

Nil

**Motion:** that the Members note the correspondence.

Cr Melissa Rebbeck/Cr. Marilyn Henderson/Carried

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**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

Members reviewed the MDA-R6 matters in progress from the previous Ordinary meetings and MDA-R6 matters in progress from the previous Executive Meeting as tabled:

**Discussion:**

6.1 The Draft Funding Memorandum for the Regional Co-ordination Officer position was deferred to the Executive Committee.

**Action [5.3]:** the EO to liaise with NAC regarding their appetite to provide a regular report (video link is available)

and or to arrange for the members of region 6 to undertake a field trip on country (as per the CLLMM CAP).

## 8. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS & WORK PLAN

In November 2020, the Executive recommended carrying over the Strategic Directions and Work Plan (2020) into 2021. With a review following the outcomes of the Annual Stakeholder Symposium (the Symposium).

**Discussion:** Focused upon ways in which Region 6 can provide value to delegates to promote participation (given low numbers) and improve engagement of member councils:

- Revisit Communication Plan 2019;
- Consistent communication/messaging to member councils;
- 1/3 process and 2/3 presentations/debate;
- Get out in the field;
- Hold meetings in central locations (i.e. Coorong District Council);
- Encourage written reports from members (save time);
- Alexandria to explore hosting the MDA's Leadership Program in Council Chambers; and
- Forward the flyer to member councils to distribute to emerging water leaders.

**Action:** the EO to provide member councils with a meeting summary with the Minutes and BCLP Flyer.

**12:43** Cr. Michael Scott ASM OAM departed the meeting.

### 8.1 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The current scheduled of ordinary meetings is the second Friday of the month each quarter. We have received a request that the members consider an alternative week/day to a permanent clash.

**Actions:** that the EO pole the members to determine regarding a more suitable/day/week.

### 8.2 SYMPOSIUM WORKING GROUP

To support the delivery of the symposium, a working group meets monthly via WebEx, and when applicable, it is combined with a meeting of the Executive. The members noted the actions arising and the proposed event structure (table 2).

#### **Discussion:**

Focussed upon the event structure.

- The Symposium is proposed to be held at the Bridgeport Hotel – Murray Bridge, 13 October 2021(?),
- The program includes a networking event and fieldtrip as optional extras;
- As a not-for-profit event, the majority of the costs will be covered by registrations;
- A range of external funding sources is being sorted to offset registration costs; and
- The facilitator, schedule of speakers, and trade displays to be finalised this month.

**Table 2.** Proposed program for the MDA Region 6 Annual Stakeholder Symposium 2021

Date	Activity	Description	Registration (\$) Approx.
Tuesday 12 October	Interregional Meeting	Chairs of Regions (5, 6, and 7) to scope agenda items from members	
Wednesday 13 October	Symposium	Session themes (including but not limited to) Agriculture - Water-Use efficiency Environment - E Water Remediation Trade Displays and Delivery Partners (DEW/CEWO/DAWE/MDBA/SA Water)	\$74.00

Optional Extras			
Wednesday 13 October	Networking Event	Canapés and Drinks Vicki Woodburn MDBA (Executive Director Basin Strategy and Knowledge) possible keynote	\$78.00
Thursday 14 October	Field Trip	Barrages Tour and or Lawari Conservation Park (Hindmarsh Island), Farm-walk (Meningie or Coomandook). Limited numbers across the Barrages (24) will require prioritisation.	\$60.00

## 9. NEXT MEETING

Ordinary Meeting, 13 August 2021

**Discussion:** that Members present confirmed Coorong District Council (liaise with Bridget) as the next venue (central) and provided recommendations for agenda items and topics/speaker[s].

- Ground Water - Ken Scott (MDBA) and Steve Barnett, Principal Hydrogeologist (DEW)
- History of Mundoo Station - Collin Grundy (Member)
- Dead in the Water - Richard Beasley (Author)
- Goyder Institute - Kane Aldridge (GM)

## 10. CLOSE: 14:21

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks to the Alexandrina Council for its support in hosting this Ordinary meeting and video conference of Region 6.*

**Appendix 1. Murray Darling Association Region 6 – Membership 2021**

<b>2020/2021 REGION 6 MEMBERSHIP</b>				
<b>As of May 2021</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Executive Member</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
Chair	Councillor Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council		
Executive Officer	Nathan Bicknell	Region 6		
Council Representatives	Mayor Brenton Lewis	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Heather Barclay	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	Stephen Packer (Proxy)	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
	CEO Bridget Mather	Coorong District Council		
	Cr Vern Leng	Coorong District Council		
	Cr Brenton Qualmann	Coorong District Council		
	Glenn Rappensberg	Alexandrina Council		
	Cr Michael Scott	Alexandrina Council		
	Cr Marilyn Henderson	Victor Harbor		
	Cr Miles Hannemann	Tatiara District Council		
	CEO Jason Taylor	Southern Mallee District Council		
Individual Member	Frank Tuckwell			
	Bruce Brooks			
	Adrian Pederick, MP JP			
	Colin Grundy			
	Warren Jacobs			
Life Member	Graham Camac			

**Appendix 2. MDA Region 6 - Schedule of Meetings and Events for 2021/2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
5 February 2021	Executive AGM/Ordinary Meeting 1	Coorong District Council
26 February 2021	Motions Workshop	Rural City of Murray Bridge (to be confirmed out of session)
14 May	Pre Conference meeting	Virtual
17-19 May 2021	MDA National Conference	Wentworth Shire Council NSW
28 May 2021	Executive Meeting	Virtual
<b>11 June 2021</b>	<b>Ordinary Meeting 2</b>	<b>Alexandrina Council</b>
16 July	Executive Meeting	Virtual
13 August 2021	Ordinary Meeting 3	(Victor/Tatiara/Southern Mallee?) TBC
8 October	Executive Meeting	Virtual
12 October	Interregional Meeting	Bridgeport Hotel - Murray Bridge
13 October	Annual Symposium	Bridgeport Hotel - Murray Bridge
14 October	Barrage Tour /Farm Walk	TBC
12 November 2021	Ordinary Meeting 4	Murray Bridge
17 December	Executive Meeting	Virtual (TBC)
14 Jan 2022	AGM/Ordinary Meeting 1	Coorong District Council

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Ms Emma Bradbury  
Chief Executive Officer  
Murray Darling Ass. Inc.  
MDA Echuca office  
Echuca Victoria 3564

Dear Emma

It is with extreme reluctance and regret that I must resign from the Association. This decision has not come easily but is one that has come to me after much reflection on the necessity of reducing my widely held commitments due to advancing age. The decision to sever my association with the MDA and the part it plays in our great river system, comes after 32 years continuous connection with it from 1989-1992, first as a delegate from the River Murray Interpretive Centre (RMIC), continuing as local government Councillor from 1992- 2018 and then as a private member to the present.

However, I will be continuing my interests in the rivers as team leader of the Inland Rivers National Marathon Register (IRNMR) for a short time as I prepare to guide the team through its succession planning. I founded the project in 1954 and it has welcomed river travellers crossing the state border to Goolwa since. It reached its national status in 1988 when as executive director of RMIC at Goolwa, I loaned myself and the project to the centre to run the Great Bi-Centennial River Murray Relay down the three major navigable rivers of the system.

The Relay became the largest community to community project of its kind to be held across the system in which 30,000 students took part both in classroom and outside activities. 50 local Councils were involved from its simultaneous launch in September 1988 from Canberra, Toowoomba and Corryong, arriving at Goolwa in December 1988.

At the completion of the succession of my leadership of the IRNMR I shall be on hand in an advisory capacity only. The project is now an activity of the National Trust SA Goolwa branch, of which I have been chairman for the past 29 years and as branch chair I will stand down at the end of this current term.

So Emma, you can see although bitter-sweet decisions I make I do so in good health and mind, I will always be taking an interest in our river here at Goolwa and of my family's residency at this end river for over the past 162 years. I offer my best wishes for the continued success of our great association.

Yours sincerely

Frank Tuckwell OAM  
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Murray Darling Association Region 6. Ordinary Meeting

Matters in Progress arising from previous meetings

Description			Strategic Objective*	Persons Responsible	Status	Conclusion
<b>February 2021</b>						
4.3 Member's Updates	Action	The EO to circulate a brief template to guide Members input.	2	EO	Complete	05/08/2021
4.4 MDBA Report.	Action	Update on the SDLAM projects at risk (Menindee Lakes) at next Ordinary meeting.	2	MDBA	Complete	09/04/2021
7.3 Calendar of meetings & Events	Action	Update and recirculate the MDA-R6 Calendar of Meetings and Events 2021.	2	EO	Complete	22/03/2021
8.2 MDA Name Change – Consultation	Action	Re-distribute the current FAQ and link to the questionnaire portal.	2	EO	Complete	05/03/2021
8.3 MDA National Conference 2021 – Motions	ACTION	Advocates work toward draft Motions before the Motions Workshop - 26 February 2021 and the EO to distribute the MDA template and calendar/Zoom invites.	3	EO /Volunteers	Complete Flying Minute	09/03/2021
<b>June 2021</b>						
4.3	ACTION	the EO to enquire about the consultation process regarding any Boundary Realignment.	5	EO	Complete	18/06/2021
4.3	MOTION	that Region 6 highlight concerns about the apparent loss of membership and urges the MDA Board to address the issue.	5	EO	Complete	18/06/2021


\*1: Maintain and Grow Influence, 2: Share Perspective, 3: Advocacy, 4: Drought Preparedness, 5: United Voice

 Denotes item completed.

Description			Strategic Objective*	Persons Responsible	Status	Conclusion
6.1	ACTION(S)	the EO to liaise with NAC regarding their appetite to provide a regular report (video link is available)	2	EO	Complete	03/06/2021
		to arrange for the members of Region 6 to undertake a field trip on country with NAC	2	EO		
8	ACTION	the EO to provide member councils with a meeting summary with the Minutes and BCLP Flyer.	2	EO	Complete	19/07/2021
8.1	ACTION	that the EO pole the members to determine regarding a more suitable/day/week.	5	EO	Complete	

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*\*1: Maintain and Grow Influence, 2: Share Perspective, 3: Advocacy, 4: Drought Preparedness, 5: United Voice*

 Denotes item completed.



# BASIN COMMUNITIES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## Your schedule for the leadership workshop

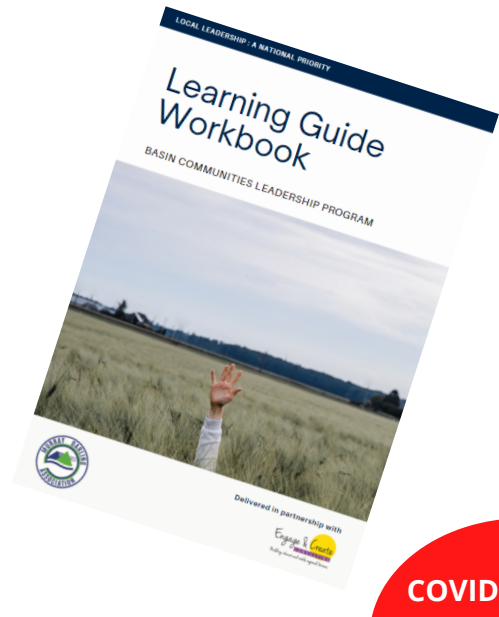
**Location:**

**Date:**

**What to bring:** Learning Guide Workbook, stationary, water bottle, comfy clothes and your best self.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



**COVID-19 Safety**  
All workshops will be held in a COVID-safe environment.

### Day One

*Start time: 8.45am (sharp)*

#### Session 1: Reflective Leadership

What we know (insights and reflections from the online learning and workbook)

#### Session 2: Leadership in Context

Understanding our regional needs

*Lunch (provided) at 12.30pm*

#### Session 3: Self as Leader

Understanding Leadership fundamentals and your own leadership behaviours (DISC)

#### Session 4: Community Leadership

Understanding pathways to local solutions (management fundamentals)

### Day Two

*Start time: 8.45am (sharp)*

#### Session 1: Leadership Spotlight

Local Leaders - Stories of Change  
Welcoming your leadership mentors

#### Session 2: Leadership Stretch

Identifying Impact Projects

*Lunch (provided) at 12.30pm*

#### Session 3: Leading for Impact

Developing Impact Projects

#### Session 4: Leading and Learning

Creating meaning and understanding what's next.

## Your team



**Julia (Telford) Spicer**  
Lead Facilitator  
Engage & Create Consulting



**Emma Bradbury**  
CEO  
Murray Darling Association





# BASIN COMMUNITIES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



**The Murray Darling Association is committed to providing a COVID safe learning environment.**

## **Is there a COVID safe plan in place for our face-to-face workshop?**

Yes. We are registered as a COVID safe business and have developed COVID safe work plans for all our workshops.

All attendees will be required to:

- Apply hand sanitizer
- Sign an attendance register
- Maintain 1.5m social distancing at all times

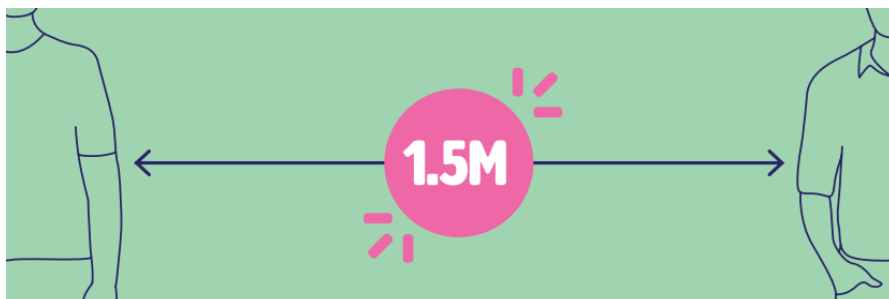
All venues provide adequate space to maintain social distancing requirements.

## **I have symptoms of COVID-19, what do I do?**

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 then please contact the Murray Darling Association on (03) 5480 8305. Please do not physically attend the workshop. Our team will contact you to organise an alternative workshop.

## **Do I have to wear a face mask?**

All workshops will be conducted in accordance with requirement in place at the time. Health advice strongly recommends people wear a mask when unable to physically distance, particularly in indoor settings, to keep everyone safe. Disposable face masks will be provided at the workshop.







# MDA BASIN COMMUNITIES LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

## What's it all about?

The MDA Basin Communities Leadership Program is an exciting initiative focused on building leadership capacity throughout the Basin.

Developed by the Murray Darling Association and delivered in collaboration with regional delivery partners, the program will identify, educate and mentor the next generation of water leaders

## Program Benefits

- Enhanced leadership skills for use and application in your community
- Basic project management proficiencies and planning tools
- Development of intelligent enquiry and the foundation for informed debate
- Facilitated self-reflection – enabling improved stakeholder engagements
- Access to resources which will help the emerging leaders with community focused challenges, opportunities and solutions
- Improved awareness of Murray-Darling Basin challenges and opportunities

## What is involved?

**MDA On-line Academy** –Participants will complete 5 modules and some self-reflection via the MDA's on-line portal prior to attending the workshop

**Two day face-to-face Workshop** – Build your knowledge and expand your networks with presentations from local, regional and national leaders.

Workshops will be facilitated by our regional delivery partners who are experts in leadership training.

**MDA National Conference** – Registration to attend the MDA National Conference, either in-personal or virtually.

Providing a great opportunity to develop your leadership skills, and network with local and national leaders and decision-makers from all across the Basin.

*If there's one thing  
the Murray Darling  
Basin needs as  
much as water,  
its leadership*

*Cr David Thurley OAM,  
MDA National President*

## Who are we looking for?

We are seeking 15 participants from each of the eligible communities.

- Are you keen to grow and develop your leadership and community engagement skills?
- Are you looking to shape and influence the future prosperity of your community?
- Would you like to have direct input into consultation with key stakeholders and decision makers?
- Are you keen and eager to participate in future community focused projects / initiatives?

**If you answered YES to these questions,  
we would love to hear from you!**





## When and where?

The program was delivered in the Northern Basin in March and April 2021.

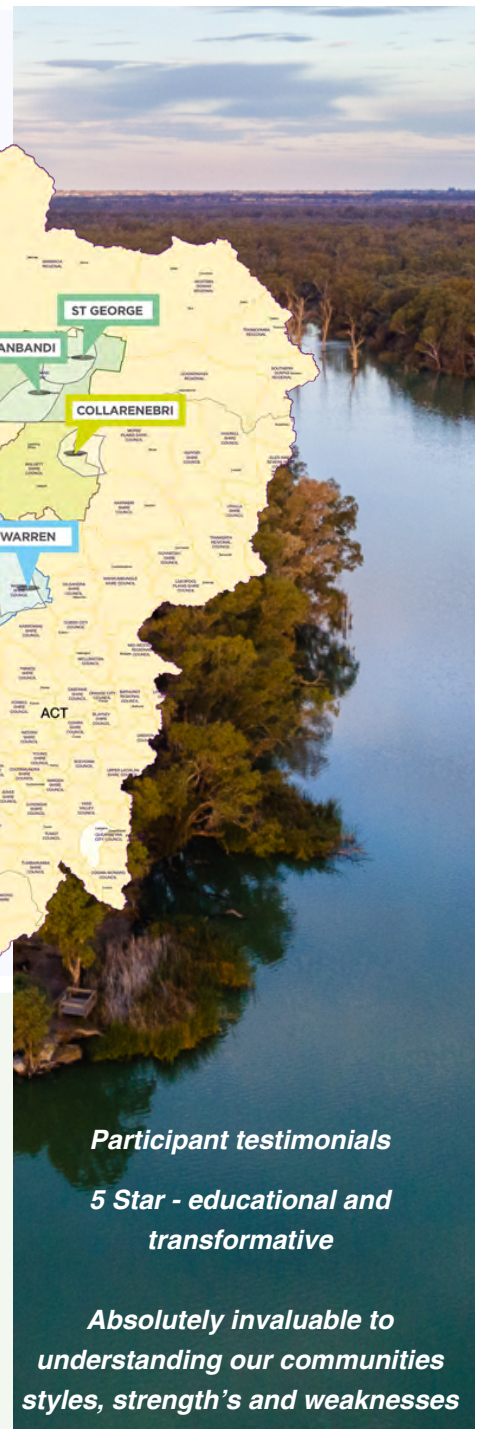
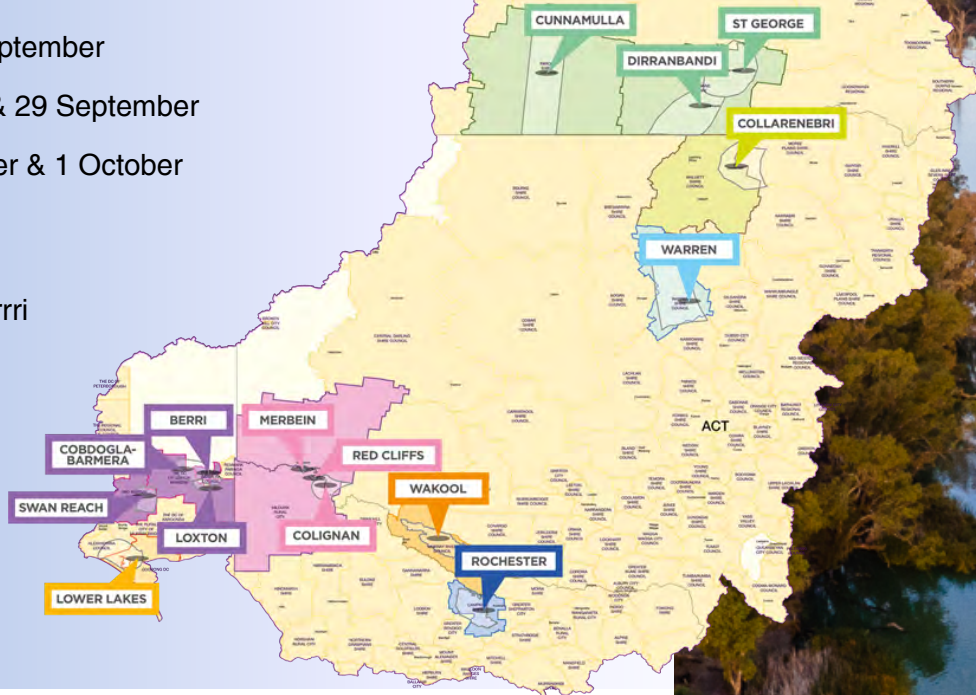
The Southern Basin workshops will be run in September and October 2021 at the following locations:

### Victoria

- Rochester - 20 & 21 September
- Merbien-Redcliffs - 28 & 29 September
- Colignan - 30 September & 1 October

### South Australia

- Cobdogla-Barmera -Berri  
18-19 October
- Loxton - 20-21 October
- Lower Lakes - 25-26  
October
- Swan Reach - 27-28  
October



## What does it cost?

The program is co-funded by the Murray Darling Association and the Australian Government under the Murray–Darling Basin Economic Development Program.

Participants will be required to meet their own travel and accommodation costs to the workshop and MDA National conference.

**All other costs are covered, which is valued at over \$4,800 per place.**

*Participant testimonials*

*5 Star - educational and transformative*

*Absolutely invaluable to understanding our communities styles, strength's and weaknesses*

## How to apply

Applications are now open.

To register your interest in this great program, head to [www.mda.asn.au](http://www.mda.asn.au) and fill out the simple **online form**.

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## Murray Darling Association Region 6 – 2020 Strategic Directions and Work Plan

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### Background:

In developing this document, consideration has been given to following documents:

- [MDA Constitution](#)
- [MDA Strategic Plan 2016-2019](#)
- MDA-R6 Strategic Directions Report & Action Plan 2018
- Summary of MDA-R6 Achievements - February 2018 to February 2020
- MDA-R6 Communications and Engagement Strategy April 2018, revised February 2020
- MDA-R6 Symposium Report October 2019.

### Strategic Directions:

	Strategic Direction	Actions
1.	Maintain and grow influence & credibility of MDA-R6	- Continue to implement Communications & Engagement Strategy as resources allow with a focus on Goal 1: Retain Existing Members, Goal 4: Maintain collaborative relationship with MDA, Goal 6: Engagement with key stakeholders
2.	Share perspectives and encourage links with upstream communities	- Tour of Barrages - Annual Stakeholder Symposium
3.	Advocacy Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full and timely implementation of Basin Plan with focus on environmental flows</li><li>• Climate change: CLLMM and Basin Plan</li><li>• Coorong Environmental Trust</li></ul>	- Capitalise on opportunities to advocate for continued focus on recovery of environmental water under the Basin Plan including via voluntary buybacks if necessary - Continue to advocate for climate change considerations to be incorporated into Basin Plan review, and for full consideration of climate adaptation pathway for CLLMM - R6 members Councils to advocate locally for Coorong Environmental Trust concept, especially importance of transparent longitudinal monitoring
4.	Drought Preparedness	- Topic for May meeting + Annual Stakeholder Symposium
5.	United Voice	- Possible statement to be launched at Annual Stakeholder Symposium offering shared vision, common language for CLLMM stakeholders

### 2020 Executive Officer Work Plan

The 2020 Work Plan assumes that a part-time (0.2FTE) Executive Officer will continue to be engaged by MDA-R6 during the 2020-21 financial year. Should more or less resourcing eventuate as of 30 June 2020, the Work Plan will need to be reviewed accordingly.

**To:** Members MDA Region 6  
**Report:** Annual Stakeholder Symposium Working Group  
**Date:** 11 August 2021  
**Author:** Nathan Bicknell – EO MDA Region 6.

**Background:** Since 2019, the Murray Darling (MDA) Region 6 committee has prioritised hosting an Annual Stakeholder Symposium (the symposium). With the view of providing a platform to: raise water literacy, promoting critical conversations and share knowledge across our region and the Basin. The 2021 symposium is planned to be held at the Bridgeport Hotel - Murray Bridge - 13 October 2021 (COVID Permitting).

The theme of the event is – *“Water Use efficiency – Benefits that flow”*.

**Sponsorship:** The working group has been successful in garnering external sponsorship from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and internal sponsorship from RCMB (as host). Which will allow up to 100 water stakeholders from across the region to attend for free and virtual participation from across the Basin.

**Schedule:** To promote critical conversations the day is structured around four panel sessions, as facilitated by an expertise based chair (table 1). Questions for the panellists to be submitted from the floor and online via an interactive mobile application. During breaks there will be facilities for short videos as well as a small tables for promotional material during the breaks. To date we have had positive responses from the proposed chair and speakers for each session.

**Optional Extras:** A networking dinner is being planned for the evening (for up to 80 guests) featuring Professor Mike Young, (The University of Adelaide) speaking on the *“The Future of Australian Water Policy: What still needs to be done?”*

A Lower Lakes field trip including crossing the barrages is being planned to for the following day - 14 October 2021 (for up to 40 stakeholders). Please see, table (3) for the draft itinerary and proposed speakers (TBC).

**Contingency:** with the notable exception of Vickie Woodburn (MDBA) 19 of the invited speakers are local. In the event if increased COVID restrictions it is planned to run an online event or convert the day into a-four-part webinar series.

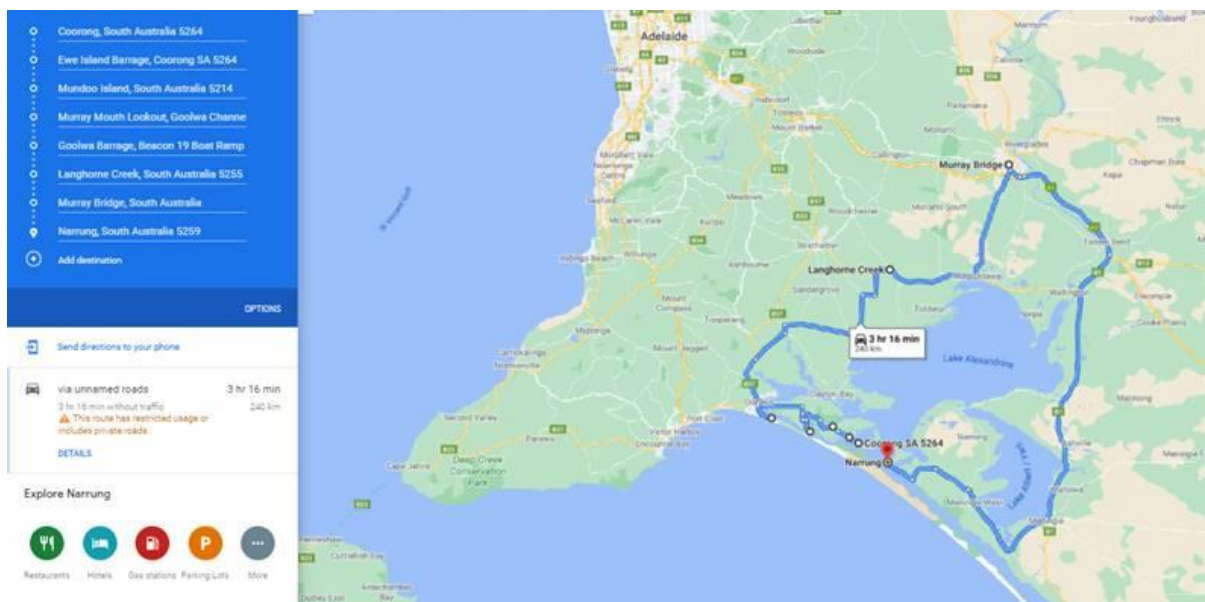


**Table 1.** Draft Schedule (2.4) MDA Region 6 Symposium (TBC) – as of Aug 2021

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Themes/Outputs/Chair</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>	
<b>0900</b>  ½ hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open: MC Sue Reynolds (RCMB)</li> <li>• Welcome to County (NAC)</li> <li>• Mayor Brenton Lewis (RCMB)</li> <li>• Cr. Mellissa Rebbeck (Chair of Region 6) Overview and objectives</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>0930</b>  1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Environment Groups/Researchers</li> <li>• Theme: Recovery Since Millennium Drought</li> <li>• Outcome: Highlight critical regional issues</li> <li>• Chair (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>1030 Morning Tea – 30 minutes</b> (display tables and videos)	
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>DELIVERY PARTNERS</b>
<b>1100</b>  1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government Departments (CEWO, DEW, LandscapeSA, SA Water)</li> <li>• Theme: Efficient use of E- Water</li> <li>• Outcome: Improved water literacy</li> <li>• Chair Vickie Woodburn (MDBA)</li> </ul>
<b>1200 Lunch – 1 hour</b> (display tables and videos)	
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>WATER USE EFFICIENCY</b>
<b>1300</b>  1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture sector</li> <li>• Theme: Water use efficiency</li> <li>• Outcomes: Knowledge sharing</li> <li>• Chair Michael Cutting (LandscapeSA)</li> </ul>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION</b>
<b>1400</b>  1 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional MDA Chairs</li> <li>• Theme: Key regional opportunities</li> <li>• Output: Identify common opportunities</li> <li>• Chair CEO Tim Smythe (MRLGA)</li> </ul>
<b>1500 Afternoon tea – 30 minutes</b> (display tables and videos)	
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>OVERVIEW</b>
<b>1530</b>  30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr. Rebbeck</li> <li>• Summation of the day</li> <li>• Thanks</li> </ul>
<b>1600</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>
<b>Session 6</b>	
<b>NETWORKING DINNER</b> (for up to 80 guests)	
<b>1800</b>  2 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr. Rebbeck Introductions</li> <li>• Professor Michael Young (The University of Adelaide)</li> <li>• Theme: Future of Australian Water Policy (15-20 min)</li> <li>• Output: Future proofing</li> </ul>
<b>2000</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>

**Table 3.** Draft filed trip itinerary and proposed speakers (TBC) -14 October 2021

Arrive	Depart	Location	Proposed Speaker	Topic
	0830 30m	Bridgeport Hotel	Bus depart	
0900 1h	1000	Langhorne Creek	LandscapeSA	Water-use efficiency projects
1030 1h	1130	Goolwa Barrage Tour <b>Moring tea</b>	SA Water	History and Future
1145 30m	1215	Murray Mouth Lookout	NAC Representative	Welcome to Country
1215 1h	1245	Lawrie Conservation Park <b>Lunch</b>	LandscapeSA CEWO	Wetland Management E-Water
1315 30m	1345	Mundoo Homestead	Colin Grundy	History Mundoo Station
1400 1h	1500	Tauwichee Barrage	SA Water SARDI DEW	Operations Fishway /Monitoring Project Coorong
1530 30m	1600	Meningie <b>Afternoon tea</b>	Southern Fishers	History of fishing
1700 1h		Bridgeport Hotel	Bus Arrive	



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